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SUBJ: R/V MELVILLE CLEARANCE 6/1 - 7/4/78 - PARTICIPATING

- EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS

1. ACTING DIR. GOE INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES (DR. SHAHIIN) HAS TELEPHONED SCIATT SAYING THAT MIN WAR HAS NOW GIVEN CLEARANCE FOR R/V MELVILLE RESEARCH. WITH INSTITUTE'S EARLIER APPROVAL, GOE CLEARANCE NOW APPEARS CONFIRMED. EMB WILL CHECK WITH MFA TOMORROW TO CONFIRM LOOP IS CLOSED.

2. DR. SHAHIIN ALSO ADVISED THAT TWO SCIENTISTS NOMINATED TO WORK ABOARD MELVILLE HAVE BEEN CHANGED. NEW NOMINEES ARE: DR. AHMED HELMI NOWAR; DR. A. A. MOUSSA, BOTH OF INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES (FYI: WHEN SCIATT CALLED DR. MOUNIR MICHAIL WHO WAS EARLIER NOMINEE, HE WAS NOT AWARE OF HIS SELECTION AND WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. DR. BAYOUNI WHO HAS MADE SELECTION HAD ALSO LEFT COUNTRY, APPARENTLY WITHOUT TELLING ACTING DIR. ABOUT MELVILLE CRUISE OR SELECTIONS. END FYI). NOMINEES WANT TO KNOW IF U.S. SOURCES WILL PAY AIR FARE TO JIDDA. THEY ALSO ASKED HOW LONG THEY WOULD STAY ABOARD SHIP AND WERE TOLD NEXT SCHEDULED PORT CALL IS APPARENTLY JULY 4 IN PORT SUEZ. AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE ARE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR

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U.S. TO PAY CAIRO/JIDDA AIR FARE OR FOR MELVILLE TO PUT SCIENTISTS ASHORE BEFORE JULY 4; SHAHIIN WAS SO ADVISED. ARE THESE ASSUMPTIONS CORRECT? PLEASE ADVISE AS SHAHIIN WILL CHECK BACK JULY 20 OR 21.

3. FOR JIDDA: PLEASE SEND NAME AND TELEPHONE OF PERSON NOMINEES SHOULD CONTACT IN ORDER TO FIND AND BOARD SHIP

(REFTEL) (IF THEY MAKE IT). EILTS

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